

(b) if so, whether a plan has been drawn up for such activities under BVEP;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether OIL propose to undertake drilling in the Bihpuria structure in North Lakhimpur district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Oil India Limited has drawn up a plan for drilling six exploratory wells under its Brahmaputra Valley Exploration Project in Assam. The first well is in progress now. The other five locations are being prepared for continuation of drilling operations.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. OIL has planned to undertake drilling operations in Bihpuria in North Lakhimpur District and accordingly the first well Bihpuria-1 was spudded in on 16.6.97. The well has been planned to drill to a target depth of 4500m.

#### Petro-Fuel Power Plant

1937. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Indian Oil Corporation by the Government of Punjab for setting up a petro-fuel plant in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation Limited has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Punjab State Electricity Board for setting up 100-150 MW Naphtha-based Power Project at Bhatinda, Punjab. The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

#### Mausoleum of Mirza Galib

1938. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the mausoleum of Mirza Galib in Capital is in a dilapidated condition; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Mirza Ghalib's tomb which is looked after by Anjuman Taraqi Urdu Hind and the Ghalib Academy, is not in a dilapidated condition.

(b) Question does not arise.

[English]

#### Conversion of NH 47 Into Four Lane

1939. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convert NH No. 47 into four lane;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present stage of the works undertaken so far; and

(d) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) The total length of NH-47 is 416 Km. out of which a length of 36.452 Km. i.e. from Alwaye to Vytilla and Aroor to Sherthalai is being converted into Four lane. However, State P.W.D. has proposed for Four laning of a length of 233.76 Km. during the 9th Five Year Plan which is yet to be finalised.

(c) About 65% of the work is likely to be completed by March, 1999.

(d) It is too early to indicate a time frame for the entire NH 47.

#### Tourism Projects in Kerala

1940. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

the details of the Tourism projects at present under the Union Government's assistance in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : Details of the Tourism projects in Kerala at present under the Central Financial Assistance are given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
1.	Waterside amenities at Vaikom	13.05
2.	Tented accommodation for Ponmudi	5.80
3.	Integrated development of Bekal	190.00
4.	Boat Train in Korakuram Tourist Camp	16.30
5.	Microlite equipment	4.20
6.	Water Sports equipment	23.21
7.	Tourism Complex at Kalady	63.08
8.	Tourist Lodge at Guruvayur	49.50

1	2	3
9.	Purchase of Mountain bicycles	1.50
10.	Floodlighting of Trivandrum museum	14.81
11.	Beach Resort at Paravoor	26.13
12.	Beach Resort at Cherthala	24.69
13.	Tourist Resort at Changanacherry	14.45
14.	Tourist Lodge at Kallar	14.90
15.	Tourist Lodge at Kuravilangad	14.23
16.	Golf Course, Trivandrum	36.00
17.	Wayside cafeteria Adoor	11.19
18.	Yatri Niwas at Alleppey	38.93
19.	Tourist Lodge at Aranmula	22.40
20.	Yatri Niwas at Calicut	41.14
21.	Yatri Niwas at Malayattoor	34.26
22.	Yatri Niwas at Peermade	34.98
23.	Purchase of Fibre glass tents, Periyar Lake	49.00
24.	Purchase of boats for Kovalam and Quilon etc.	17.65
25.	Yatri Niwas at Kondati (Mallapuram)	35.00
26.	Yatri Niwas at Kumily	35.00
27.	Wayside amenities at Nilambur (Mallepuram Distt.)	20.82
28.	Wayside amenities at Kumaragam	20.82
29.	Purchase of 2 nos. caravan for Cochin and Thiruvananthapuram.	42.90
30.	Purchase of 1 caravan for Kozhikode	21.00
31.	Assistance for Indira Gandhi Boat Race, 1995	15.00
32.	Assistance for Production of publicity material	3.00
33.	Restoration of Bolghatti Palace Kochi, Kerala.	49.60
34.	Resort at Munnar under equity scheme	7.00
35.	Renovation and Remodelling of Aluva Palace	48.00
36.	Waterside amenity at Kayamkulam	35.79
37.	Floodlighting of Vadakkum Nathan Temple	17.20
38.	Rice Boats	10.00
39.	Nehru Trophy boat race	5.00
40.	Wayside amenities at Angamali	18.90

### Promotion of Languages

1941. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

the steps taken for the promotion and development of Nepali, Konkani and Manipuri languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): Government have set up the Central Institute of Indian Language, Mysore, to promote and develop Indian languages including Nepali, Konkani and Manipuri. The CIIL has undertaken the following activities for the development of these languages :

Nepali : Pictorial glossary in Nepali published. Nepali-Bengali-Hindi dictionary and Nursery Rhymes under preparation. The script for propagation of Pronunciation Cassettes in Nepali prepared.

Konkani : Pictorial Glossary and Nursery Rhymes in Konkani published. Two training programmes for the Konkani teachers and one workshop-cum-training programme for the preparation of instructional materials for Konkani conducted, besides a workshop for the administrators in the use of Konkani in administration.

Manipuri : Manipuri Phonetic Reader and Nursery Rhymes published. Pictorial Glossary under preparation.

The Government is also implementing a scheme for providing financial assistance to individuals/NGOs for publication of books in Modern Indian languages including the above three languages. A scheme for the purchase of books published in Indian languages and their free distribution is also being implemented.

### Accident Rate in IAF

1942. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Accident rate in IAF becoming cause for concern" appearing in the "Asian Age" dated June 30, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary of Defence Research to analyse comparative aircraft accident data in India and abroad, has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the main findings of the report and action the Government have taken or propose to take on the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have taken necessary steps to contain these accidents, and as a result, accident rate has declined as compared to the earlier years. The Committee on Fighter Aircraft Accident constituted under the Chairmanship of Scientific Adviser to the Raksha Mantri,